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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

MEASURES TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION OF CHOLERA INTO THE UNITED STATES.

EXAMINATION OF BAGGAGE OF RUSSIAN EMIGRANTS FOR EXCLUSION OF FOODSTUFFS.

On October 12, 1910, the medical officer of the service attached to the American consulate at Libau, Russia, was cabled to exclude foodstuffs from the persons and baggage of emigrants from Russia prior to the commencement of their five-days' detention and observation, which they are required to undergo prior to their departure direct from the port of Libau for the United States, and also to examine the baggage and persons of the emigrants at the end of their detention in order to detect the presence of any foodstuffs possibly overlooked at the first inspection.

Cabled advices have just been received to the effect that in consequence of the efforts on the part of the medical officer at Libau to carry out these instructions, many steerage passengers from Russia are passing through Libau to depart from the various English ports. Therefore in order to counteract the danger of such detouring on the part of these emigrants a request was made through departmental channels that the American consul-general at London be directed to issue the proper instructions to the consular officers to detain all emigrants from Russia at the various British ports of embarkation for five days after their arrival prior to their embarkation.

The task of eliminating foodstuffs from the baggage of emigrants from the cholera-infected districts of Europe has proved a most difficult one, and almost daily efforts are being made both on the part of the Bureau and on the part of the officers engaged in the handling of persons from the cholera-infected districts of Europe, to effect such an organized inspection of the persons and baggage of emigrants as will effectually exclude the carrying of foodstuffs or water.

BRAZIL.

PERNAMBUCO—Plague.

Consul Griffith reports October 4:

Since the appearance of bubonic plague in Pernambuco September 19 there has occurred a total of 4 reported cases, of which 3 were fatal.